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12	ROBERT THOMSON,	) CASE NO.		)			
13	Plaintiff,	) ) COMPLAINT					
14	vs.	) )    42 U.S.C. 1983 & 1983	8 .				
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16	TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT and THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS	) )					
17	DEPARTMENT,	) }					
18	Defendants.	)					
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20	COMES NOW Plaintiff, Robert Thoms	son, pursuant to 42 U.S.C.	1983 who alleges				
21	violation of his Second Amendment Rights by I	Defendants. Plaintiff is pre	cluded from carryi	ng a			
22	functional firearm by the laws of the State of Ca	alifornia unless he is grante	ed permission to do	so.			
23	As a resident of Los Angeles County and the Ci	ity of Torrance, Plaintiff wa	as required to apply	for			
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violation of his Second Amendment Rights by Defendants. Plaintiff is precluded from carrying a functional firearm by the laws of the State of California unless he is granted permission to do so. As a resident of Los Angeles County and the City of Torrance, Plaintiff was required to apply for permission to exercise his Second Amendment Rights to Carry a functional firearm first from the Torrance Police Department and then from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. Both Defendants denied Plaintiff permission leaving him with no ability to exercise his Second Amendment Right. Further, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants utilize a "Good Cause" policy implemented to overly restrict the exercise of Second Amendment rights without any reasonable basis for doing so. Plaintiff also seeks recovery pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1988

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#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and the City of Torrance. I have applied for and been denied a license to Carry a Concealed weapon from the Torrance Police Department and the Los Angeles county Sheriffs' Department in the past six months.
- 2. I am employed as a licensed California Bail Agent. As a licensed Bail Agent I am frequently in high crime areas. Pursuant to the terms of my licensing, I am barred from carrying an exposed weapon, but permitted to carry a concealed weapon if I have a permit to do so.
- 3. While in the process of my Bail Agent duties I sometimes have in my possession over \$10,000 in cash late at night in high crime areas.
- 4. As a licensed Bail Agent, I have passed multiple criminal background checks and as required by my license (P.C.1299) completed a course on powers of arrest approved by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. I have also taken and was licensed by the State of California to Carry an exposed firearm having completed the security guard exposed firearm training to receive an exposed firearm permit from the BSIS.
- 5. The State of California has declared that I am of Good Moral Character and have sufficient training to possess a loaded firearm outside of the home; however, the only lawful way to do this is with a CCW Permit which Defendants refuse to issue because under their policies and procedures Plaintiff has not established "good Cause" as they define to exercise his Fundamental Constitutional Right to possess a functional firearm for the purpose of self-defense.

### THE PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person and citizen of the United States who resides in the County of Los Angeles and in the City of Torrance.
- 7. The Torrance Police Department is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of California.
- 8. The Los Angeles Sheriffs Department is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of California.

## JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 10. Venue lies in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

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#### **LEGAL BACKGROUND**

- 11. California Penal Code 12050 is the only mechanism in California by which a non-law enforcement official can carry a loaded firearm. Pursuant to the statutory scheme the California Attorney General has created a form application for residents of the State of California to use when applying for a permit thereunder.
- 12. Defendants have unfettered discretion thereunder to decide what constitutes "good cause" for the issuance of a permit thereunder and utilize this discretion to administer a policy of refusing to issue permits to any applicant who has not been the victim of a crime, lacks political connections or is retired Federal Law Enforcement.
- 13. Defendants justify their policy with an unsupported belief that more guns equal more crimes, but admit there is no justification for this belief. Moreover, FBI crime statistics establish that this is a blatantly false premise.

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. 1983

- 14. Defendants interpretation of Section 12050's requirements of (1) "good cause" beyond the interests of self-defense violates the Second and Fourteenth Amendments.
- 15. The United States Supreme Court has now made it clear that the Second Amendment guarantees "the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation." Heller at 128 S. Ct. at 2797.
- 16. Defendants Denial of Plaintiffs applications leaves him with no alternative means of exercising his Fundamental Constitutional Right to possess a Functional Firearm for the purposes of Self Defense.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 17. For an order that Defendants issue Plaintiff a Concealed Weapons Permit.
- 18. For general damages according to proof.
- 19. Costs and Attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1988.
- 20. For costs, fees and any such other relief the Court deems just and proper.

July 18, 2011

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COMPLAINT - 3

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to I	District Judge S. James Ot	tero and the assigned di	iscovery
Magistrate Judge is Jacqueline Choolji			

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

#### NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

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Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

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Riverside, CA 92501

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Torrance Police Department and Los Angeles County	
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DEFENDANT(S).	
A lawsuit has been filed against you.  Within 21 days after service of this summons must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached 12 counterclaim 12 cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Jona 18252 Bermuda St. Porter Ranch, CA 91326 judgment by default will be entered against you for the regour answer or motion with the court.	of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer athan W. Birdt , whose address is . If you fail to do so.
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SUMMONS

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# Case 2:11-cv-06154-SJO-JC Document 1 Filed 07/26/11 Page 6 of 7 Page ID #:12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

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